

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 634

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Robert W. Blaesing on his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.17 million Tennessee volunteers give over 143.9 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.5 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, these individuals should be recognized, not only to appreciate their efforts, but also in the hope that such recognition will encourage others to step up and make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Robert W. Blaesing of Sevierville is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blaesing has volunteered at the Sevier County Juvenile Facility since 2010, helping hundreds of troubled youth with their battle against teen alcoholism; the facility's youth look forward to his weekly visits as he is an excellent listener and offers encouraging words of wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blaesing is a model citizen; his commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Robert W. Blaesing for his outstanding community leadership, congratulate him as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.